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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As Software Development Manager for a diversified company, I have learned to depend on the reliability of a variety of Microsoft software products. I am pleased that this settlement has been achieved and that apparently there will be no further federal action against Microsoft.

For companies of our size and discipline, it is important to work with reliable software companies like Microsoft. It would be very difficult for us, and many companies like ours, to work around any software changes that would have inevitably happened if this suit had continued through the federal courts.

I wanted to write to suggest that this settlement is a good one, as Microsoft will appease its competitors by sharing key coding information and submitting to government oversight. I hope that it will be sustained through the review process. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Kevin Biermann
Development Manager